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Great! But Who Won What?

Charges Following Club Day Cause Freezing of Results

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Confusion surrounded this semester's Club Day, last Thursday. Factors involved included charges of late preparation, refusal of the Club Day proposal, unsubstantive backing for the Club Day chairpersons, lack of support by the IOC, and a complaint which caused ASB President Suheel Ghareib to hold the results until an official decision could be made.

In a press release dated Oct. 30 by Marsha Tauber, ASB commissioner of public relations: "Due to the following circumstances the final result of Club Day was frozen."

1 All participating clubs were not rated by the appointed judges.

2 The procedure for rating the clubs was not properly adhered to.

3 Clubs which were found to be ineligible were determined so against proper regulations.

4 It is policy that all clubs must be judged by the same criteria and all clubs must be given a score in each of the assigned areas.

5 If a club is determined ineligible this must be brought to the appropriate advisor and taken to a committee for action.

6 Due to improper procedure clubs were disqualified without the opportunity to defend themselves.

According to the statement, "Results of Club Day Fall 1980 will not be released until a discussion (sic) is made by an official committee."

However, in a subsequent statement to the Star Tuesday, Tauber said that "Certificates of appreciation will be given to all clubs that participated in Club Day. If IOC wants to issue 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards it will be up to them. ASB will not support it."

"There was never a previous file on Club Day rules or guidelines to follow. When you organize in a short time, it's important to have written guidelines to establish what powers to exercise," Tauber explained. As IOC President, Michael Kanan's backing is needed in preparation and participation as an 'exoficio.' "

Turning to another aspect of the day, Tauber was critical of the judging. "The judging was not thorough," she said. There was no briefing on the details of the judges' responsibilities."

Sherrie Mann, Club Day chairperson, added, 'I wanted the instructors to be the judges to make it fair and impartial."

Barry Marrone, Club Day co-chairperson, was more critical. "The judging was illegal. Suheel Ghareib (ASB president) was not appointed judge although he assumed the role."

Tauber pointed out that a few clubs, the Arabic Student Body, the Italian Club, and Students Concerned for Israel, had been disqualified.

Mann, acting official for Club Day, disqualified the Arabic Student Body for not following the rules that all music must stop at noon.

"I'm sorry the Arabic club is upset with me," said Mann. I had asked them to stop the music three different times. They knew the rules."

"The one rule that was outlined and written and as part of the Club Day rules was not followed. There was disrespect in that matter," said Marrone.

"I brought it to the attention of IOC adviser, Mr. Follosco. He said it was up to me" said Mann. "I felt it warranted disqualification."

"Lack of regulation and procedure control was a factor," said Tauber. "A warning of disqualification can be issued, but the final decision is to be made with the advisers. Club presidents are to be told 'why' they are being disqualified. This should be done at the next IOC meeting and not done on the floor," she explained.

"There was no substantial backing," said Tauber. "It is unjust to Sherrie to be given the responsibility, with nothing to fall back on. Nothing was in print. She was under pressure."

"At the point where she had to exercise control, she carried out her job as she saw fit," Tauber added.

"Lack of support by the IOC committee as a whole, shows that without support, we have nothing," Tauber concluded. "When you hold the title, you get the flack. There was criticism without positive input."

Reverting back to the proposal he drafted, Marrone said, "It was in the students' best interest that there be something tangible as a goal for participation and incentive. If it's for the students' best interest, the IOC should have been behind it."

"Barry did a good job in preparing the proposal in detail. As co-chairman he didn't have enough power. It's important to have two persons with authority," said Tauber.

"I think we have learned something from this. A lot of people grew up that day," said Marrone.

"Serving as a good lesson, it shows the need for cooperation," Tauber added."The problems we acquired will be prepared as a committee, for future Club Day activities. This semester there will be a record of it, together with how it can be improved upon."

"I worked hard for that day," Mann said. "I worked extra hours at school preparing and helping with the event. All in all I enjoyed it, I hope other students did too."

"One thing I've learned from my other classes is that you have to read the instructions," Mann said.

Photo Layout by Dave Polinsky
Photos by Cindy Martinez and Dave Polinsky
Above, Dave Norton, Hockey Club; lower right, Alan Seijert and Pam Henslee, Dance Club; Lower left, singer Mike Majik, sponsored by the Black Students Union.

ASB FOLLOW-UP

In last week's Star, the story entitled "Commissioner Out of Order; Security Acts" described how campus security was called in to remove Willie Bellamy, commissioner of social activities, after he was called out of order by ASB president Suheel Ghareib.

However, before he could be removed, Ray Follosco, ASB adviser left the meeting causing its mandatory adjournment.

The incident arose after Ghareib reprimanded council for being apathetic. Bellamy took issue with this statement and was subsequently called out of order after refusing to relinquish the floor.

In all fairness it must be stated that a special meeting was held in Ghareib's office to discuss the matter further. The matter was resolved, and council reconvened to take care of unfinished business.

"I thought I was in the right," said Bellamy afterward, "but I wasn't. This is a learning experience, and I made a mistake."

Two-Day Blood Drive Finishes Almost on Goal

Valley's Fall '80 Blood Drive collected 222 pints of blood for the American Red Cross Foundation, coming close to the estimated goal of 255 pints.

"Valley did very well, considering we could only secure Monarch Hall for two days," said Mike Peterson, student affairs assistant. He added, "All students, faculty, and especially the Senior Student Club should be commended for helping us come within range of our goal."

On Monday, 132 pints of blood were given, and on Wednesday 90 pints were received. All totaled, 244 students and faculty members were involved.

Cheryl Babbit, consultant from the Red Cross Services, stated, "Valley's students and faculty were quite helpful. We go to schools all over, and these institutions really are vital in keeping our blood bank supplied in cases of emergencies."

Peterson also stated that John Instrin, student blood drive chairman, was the main person contributing in Valley's Blood Drive. "Without Instrin the Blood Drive would not have been possible. Instrin was responsible for planning the event."

NewsNotes

COLLEGE INFORMATION DAY

College Information Day will be on campus Tuesday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Available to students will be details about admissions and curricula from the various colleges. For information call Bruce Thomas, coordinator of school relations, at Ext. 331.

PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may enter the national contest for President Harry S. Truman Scholarships. The awards are $5,000 a year, for up to four years.To qualify students must be U.S. citizens, have a B average, and be transferring to a four-year college next fall.They also must be active in on and off campus politics, and planning on a public service job. Applications are to be submitted in CC 235. The deadline is Nov. 14.

CSUN COUNSELOR AT VALLEY

Harriet Foster, counselor from California State University at Northridge, will be on campus every Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students interested in transferring to Northridge can talk with Foster at the counseling office.

TAY-SACHS PREVENTION

Volunteers are needed to assist in a screening program for Tay-Sachs disease. Testing is scheduled for Nov. 19 and 20. Students interested in participating may contact Mike Petersen at Ext. 243 or in CC 104.

ENGLISH PLACEMENT TESTS

All students who plan to take an English course at Valley College must first take an English Placement Test, said Counseler Billy Reed. Appointments are available in the Administration Building. Testing will be on Tuesdays, Nov. 18, 25; Dec. 2, 9, 16; Jan. 6, 13, 20; and on Wednesdays, Nov. 19, 26; Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 14, and 21, he said.

Educators Pursue Puzzling Paradox In Grade Inflation, Academic Quality

By VERGIE PAPALEXIS
Staff Writer

There is a parallel between grade inflation and national inflation. The dollar is not buying as much food as it once did, and perhaps the grade "A" does not represent the amount of student work it once did, according to Dr. Fred Machetanz, Valley's research coordinator of educational development.

"The inflating trend was part of the '60's philosophy, when giving an "F" for bad work was regarded as punitive, and thus avoided. The preference was to reward the student for excellent work," he said.

"It was coupled," Machetanz said, "with tighter money in the educational system. Classes were faced with attendance problems. Methods had to be found to inspire students. It's a tough thing to generalize when there are so many variables."

CSUN has apparently turned the corner on grade inflation, and Machetanz explained that they have been on the downswing for two or three years, thus achieving a conservative grading pattern.

"The traditional bell curve of the 1930's and 1940's became so distorted, that as of June 1980 its inflated curve had become unrealistic," he said.

"The regulations hadn't changed, they were just ignored. A tremendous inequality was recognized when it was discovered that 20 percent of the colleges in some districts were omitting 'F's' while 80 percent were using it," said Angelo Villa, professor of Spanish and Valley's Faculty Senate delegate to the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. "Computers were simply and illegally programmed to replace 'F' with a 'W'."

These inequities led to the selection of a special task force to study grading. Consisting of 10 members which included teachers, administrators, and one student, they met for a year and a half before presenting decisions on new grading policies.

Valley History Professor Maryamber Villa was chairman of the task force. "Grade policy changes will provide equity and consistency throughout the state," Villa said. "Instructors who give an undeserved "A" violate the equity of a student just as much as the instructor who won't give an "F".

It is still the instructor's perogative to give the grade," Villa said. "New regulations only establish stricter standards and present guidelines.

The Board of Governors of California Community Colleges, according to Villa, are attempting to preserve educational standards, inspire enthusiasm and motivation, create self-esteem and bring down to a realistic plateau the value of the grade.

Actual symbols now will be strictly adhered to, with the following specified definitions: A- Excellent; B- Good; C- Satisfactory; D- Passing, less than satisfactory; F- Failing; CR- Credit (at least satisfactory, units not counted in GPA); NC- No Credit (less than satisfactory, or failing - units not counted in GPA.) The I - new symbol for incomplete must be wiped out in a year. It is technically a contract between student and instructor to complete the work. It is permissive grade. It may or may not be used, but if used must be strictly adhered to.

Anatol Mazor, Valley's dean of instruction, feels the humanitarian grading approach has not worked. "We copped out on our kids," he said. "A grade is the only coin of reward we have to give to an earning student. When on the job, you work or you're fired. Life is unfortunately crass in dealing with rewards and punishments."

"I like to use this example—I'm in a 100-yard dash, I slip and fall, the other contestants aren't called back to begin again. They don't give me a consolation prize. I've lost in that one race. Those are the breaks," he continued.

Sue Carleo, associate professor of family and consumer studies, vice-president of Faculty Senate, and acting chariperson of the Valley College Curriculum Committee, believes that working toward a grade is directly related to an occupation.

"A grade develops self discipline and thereby is comparable to striving for a level of achievement, which is important for a graduate entering the business world," she said. "They find

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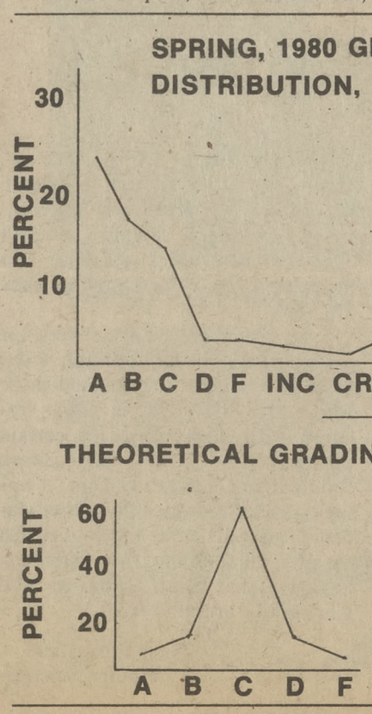

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B	18.8
C	15.9
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F	3.7
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CR	1.9
NCR	4.8
W	24.5

GRADE	%
A	7%
B	14%
C	58%
D	14%
F	7%

NO SCHOOL

In observance of Veterans' Day as a national holiday, LAVC will be closed next Tuesday, November 11. Classes will resume on Wednesday.

Opinion

STAR EDITORIALS

Doctor's Error Crucial

More incidents of people receiving the wrong operations seem to come to light every day.

Star believes proper caution should be exercised by hospital personnel to insure that all patients receive the correct operations.

Recently doctors at a Northern California hospital decided amputation of a patient's lower leg was the best form of treatment for his blood circulation problem. After the operation, it was determined that the wrong leg was removed, reported an article in Saturday's Valley News.

Unlike defective automobiles, clothing, or appliances, which may be returned for replacement or refund, amputation is final.

Sure, recourse is available to the patient. He could sue the surgeon and the hospital for malpractice and probably win, but no settlement will give him back his leg.

Star believes that even once is too often for a "mistake" of this magnitude to have occurred.

Enough records, including medical histories, charts, and consent forms, are filled out to insure the proper operation is performed, even if a surgeon unfamiliar with the case is unexpectedly called in at the last moment.

Doctors have a God-like power. They are expected to make fewer errors than people in other professions because of their responsibility for human life. When they make mistakes, the result may be death or serious physical and/or mental damage to the patient.

Star believes removing the wrong organ or mixing up the charts of two patients is unforgivable.

All the years and money spent training the personnel involved in these incidents was wasted.

When a patient entrusts his life to a surgeon, there should be no need to doubt the physicians' competency.

A person who enters the hospital to have a tonsilectomy should not run the risk of receiving an appendectomy or something more serious, such as open heart surgery.

When told they need an operation, people not only worry about the normal element of risk involved in all surgery, but wonder whether the operation is really necessary. Do they also have to be afraid the wrong body-part will be removed?

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Scalping Laws Needed

High prices for tickets to rock concerts, i.e. ticket scalping, is a situation that is getting way out of hand.

The furor was brought to a boiling point with tickets to last week's Bruce Springsteen concerts at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Ticket agencies were charging upwards of $200 for what were $12.50 tickets. Springsteen himself became so concerned with what was happening that he actually considered cancelling his engagement at the Sports Arena.

Star believes that there should be some stringent laws prohibiting this practice, because innocent people are being taken advantage of by the scalpers.

In his opening show last Thursday, Springsteen paused to denounce the practice of agencies. He pointed out that New York State has legislation prohibiting agencies from charging more than $1.50 above a ticket's face value. He also urged that California rock fans unite behind similar legislation.

Star also believes that California should have such legislation restricting the agencies from charging such high prices.

It's not fair that music fans have to pay outlandish prices to events, and that they are at the mercy of the agencies. Something should be done to stop such things from happening. California should have a law like New York, permitting the agencies to charge a certain, minimal price for tickets.

Tickets for the Springsteen concerts were available through mail order at first. Many fans who had sent in their orders early still received poor quality seating. Star believes that this practice is also unfair.

Fans should have the opportunity to get the best seats possible at the fairest price. They shouldn't have to pay incredible fees to attend their favorite event, and the opportunity for better quality seating should be more easily available.

It's about time that this situation be drastically improved, so we can all have a more enjoyable time at our favorite event.

COMMENTARY

Stop Cloning Around!

By LUCREZIA C. BISCARDI
Staff Writer

Would you like to have a cloned child? Or would you like to have been born a clone, the spitting image of your parent-pardon me, of your "donor"? What would you think if some modern equivalent of Adolf Hitler were to clone thousands of precisely planned citizens, scientists, soldiers, and statesmen? What better way for a dictator to extend his power beyond the grave? A carbon copy might be the ultimate expression of human egoism.

How do you feel about the geneticists who experiment with cells of the human body, whether it be for purposes of cloning or to create test-tube babies that develop in vitro, outside the mother's body, in a petri dish?

Most of us have mixed feelings about all this, right? But why? Today we install pacemakers to prolong the function of the human heart; plastic replaces worn-out heart vessels; and there's a good chance we will soon have artificial kidneys, hearts, lungs, legs and arms. Bionic people are not yet with us, but they loom in the distance.

We need to look at the underlying dynamics of such a reaction, because it is likely to affect the future of genetic research, which may have a bearing on our knowledge of cancer, muscular dystrophy and other such diseases.

The image of the mad, or at least arrogant, scientist is still very much with us. The more technological, expensive or remote they become, the more we seem to fear or envy them.

High on the ladder of such fears is the modern equivalent of Dr. Victor Frankenstein, the fictional scientist who created a monster from bits and pieces of human and animal bodies, as described in Mary Shelley's 19th-century novel "Frankenstein; or, the Modern Prometheus." The author, who had dreamed of just such a man-made monster, gave the book a "correct" ending: Dr. Frankenstein refused to "build" a mate for his creation, afraid he would open the way for a proliferation of monsters; in revenge, the monster killed the good doctor, his friends, and family.

The average reader is well-satisfied with this narrative. The scientist who has dared to rival God in creating human life is killed by his own creation; and the monster commits suicide in a funeral pyre, up in the Arctic. We're safe, once again! It was, after all, only a fictional tale, but a story that has continued to haunt and thrill us through multiple movie remakes and variations. We have also had Ira Levin's book and movie "The Boys From Brazil," which deals with the cloning of 94 Hitlers created to convert the world to Nazism. Here again, in the end, poetic justice prevails. Another novel-into-film, "Coma", by Robin Cook deals with traffic in human organs by a ring of ruthless, greedy physicians. All this plays on our fascination tampering with intimate parts of ourselves: human reproduction without sex, by way of a test tube, through cell fusion and the manufacturing of bodies, in whole or in part.

But if, as a scientific possibility, cloning can be done, how would it happen? It amounts to inserting the nucleus of a body cell into an enucleated cell (female egg), which could then cleave (divide) into ever more cells, become a preembryo that can be implanted into the uterus and grow into a baby.

Are we now psychologically prepared for cloning?

At the turn of the century we have had our experiences with the atom bomb; with the ecology disasters; and now with cancer research. We are more modest these days. We recognize that we tend to get a package deal: each solution to a problem comes wrapped in another one, often more threatening than the one that was supposed to be solved. We've come to recognize this paradox.

How will it feel to be a clone or a test-tube baby? Orphans, Freaks, and twins can tell us a good deal. From orphans, though, we can learn the dilemmas of essentially parentless children; and the clones or test-tube babies will, if the children and their peers know about it, live under the shadow of their laboratory origin. Freaks (too tall, too short, too fat, and so on) have a difficult road in life, as do members of other minorities; and the biologically manufactured child will certainly be a minority of one.

One can see that man faces many new legal, moral, and ethical questions. Will he have to consider assigning certain rights to the fetus? At what point does a fetus have legal rights, and to whom does the test-tube baby turn for support and legal inheritance? What will be the nature of the conflict in our society between personal choice and governmental control? These are very serious questions, for which today there are no satisfactory answers.

Curiosity of human mankind has made us explore the unknown universe. Mankind is not satisfied until he destroys himself.

There will never be any more challenges in life between human beings of all social classes, because the level of intelligence will be the same, should cloning exist.

The law of physics states that we need a negative and a positive, but two positives will explode in any laboratory experiment. Cloning is remote. Test-tube babies, although not in great number are a reality. Man-made man is with us, whether we like it or not. And we will remain afraid of Frankenstein. But we'll go to see the movie, regardless.

OFF THE WALL

Weekend Service Blues

By LISA KINGSLEY
Copy Editor

Weekends bring out the worst in people. Especially cold, rainy weekends. Days when the kids have used up the batteries for all the electronic games they own, and have the cat marked for unscheduled surgery, the wife is ready to defect to a kitchen in the Far East, and dad runs out of plywood for the backyard shed.

Department stores are useful on days like that. Especially those with fast-food counters. They afford the family a chance to get out of the house and spend some time together.

Of course there is another side to all this. There are a select few who choose to serve those who seek solace in these places. Snack bar attendants too, have their place under the fluorescent lights.

Working with the public can be interesting and entertaining. It can also be frustrating and painful, leaving you with the feeling that life is measured in toppled ice cream cones and crumpled hot dog wrappers.

Of course it doesn't always appear this way. Only when you're working. Then the customers are always bigger, louder, more belligerent, and the manager is up in arms over the fact that you left $20 in the register the night before.

But getting back to the customers. Some of them are real show-stoppers, the kind who can bring a crowd of 12, grouped around a snack bar, to their feet, in a frenzy of Pepsi-induced applause. As incredible as this is to witness, it's even more incredible if you happen to be the one behind the mustard.

Lunacy, that's what it is. Nobody has been able to explain to my satisfaction how customers can detect the precise moment my partner goes on a break, and I'm stuck with a freezer on the blink, a leaking water cooler, a stopped up sink, and no pennies in the register.

Not content to stick to soft drinks, they go right to the top of the menu. A mother with three kids in tow needs five cheeseburgers, the tall man with the glasses, two strawberry sundaes, and the one at the end of the counter wants three burritos, to go.

Where is everybody? Why do they schedule only two people on busy weekends like these? I notice the line growing. And what's that guy staring at? That's right mister, keep scowling like that, you'll take root.

"Four more fries? Yes maam, one minute." Why doesn't she just buy into the place, and save some money? Stop staring, fool! Hasn't he ever seen a milkshake explode before? Stick around, buddy.

"Here you are sir, that comes to $8.75. Recount it? Sure. Yes, it's $8.75. Yes, that's tax included. Yes sir, prices sure are going up. No, no, not our prices, they're still the same. Yes, I'm sure the president realizes it. The total's still $8.75. No, we don't take checks. I'm sorry, we can't change $100 bills, you'll have to go to — sir? Never mind?"

Never mind? What does he mean, never mind? I'm stuck with $8.75 worth of hamburgers. Who would take their family to a snack bar for dinner anyway?

"Yes maam, hamburger's coming right up." What is with this woman? Lady, you want it cooked or should I just let you rope it as it runs past?

"Here you are, hamburger, no pickles, fries, and coleslaw. Pardon? You want pickles? But you said — yes maam, right away."

What do they think we are, robots? "Can I help you? Two cokes? That's $1." Oh, oh, not today . . . "Sorry, coke machine's broken, can I get you . . .? All right walk away, do we care?

What am I doing this for? And you think it's bad now? (It is.) They say Christmas is worse. (It will be.) People yelling, hitting, cursing, banging their fists on the glass. And you should see what happens once they're inside.

I once saw four people injured in a fracas over a sweet roll. One even required hospitilization. Of course we didn't charge him for the roll. Or the stomach pump.

All in all, life in the fast food lane isn't what it appears from in front of the counter. Remember that when your hamburger arrives. Without the pickles.

PERSPECTIVE

LETTERS TO THE STAR

Religious Groups Beliefs Explained

Recently, Charlotte Cornfeld, program director for Hillel, stated that the group Jews for Jesus dilutes both Judaism and Christianity into a nothingness. Nothing could be further from the truth. To the contrary, Jews for Jesus believes that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Jewish hope and expectation of the promised Messiah, as prophesized by the Old Testament prophets. Like the disciples (who were all Jewish), they proclaim the good news that the Savior has died for our sins, providing salvation for all who accept this free gift.

Members of Jews for Jesus observe the Jewish holidays, and perhaps most important, love Israel and the Jewish people very much. Because of this love, they desire their fellow Jews to experience the same joy that they have found from accepting Jesus as their Messiah. Thus, they unobstrusively hand out tracts containing the gospel message.

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from its readers.

Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space consideration. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words. Letters are subject to editing that are obscene, libelous or make racial, ethnic or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business-Journalism 114, by 11 a.m. Monday for the following Thursday.

Contrast this to the violence exhibited by two Jewish students against a Jews for Jesus representative. Certainly, Judaism doesn't condone the actions of these two men. Yet, who would deny that they are Jews?

I feel that there is a great need for a better relationship between those Jews who believe in Jesus and those who don't. Although we might disagree with each other on certain philosophies, honest discussion should take place, not violence. I was very pleased to notice that other students reacted in a more civilized manner. In so doing, they better exhibited what both Judaism and Christianity are all about.

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Department Awarded New Grant

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What would you do with $32,710?

That is the question Loretta Worthington and the Health Science Department at Valley College were faced with, after being awarded a federal Nursing Capitation Grant for this amount.

"The money will fund some positions in the Health Science Center," said Worthington, who has been the chairperson of the nursing, respiratory therapy and health management services at Valley since Spring '79.

However, she added that although the amount of money was substantial, it doesn't really go far when salaries are taken into consideration.

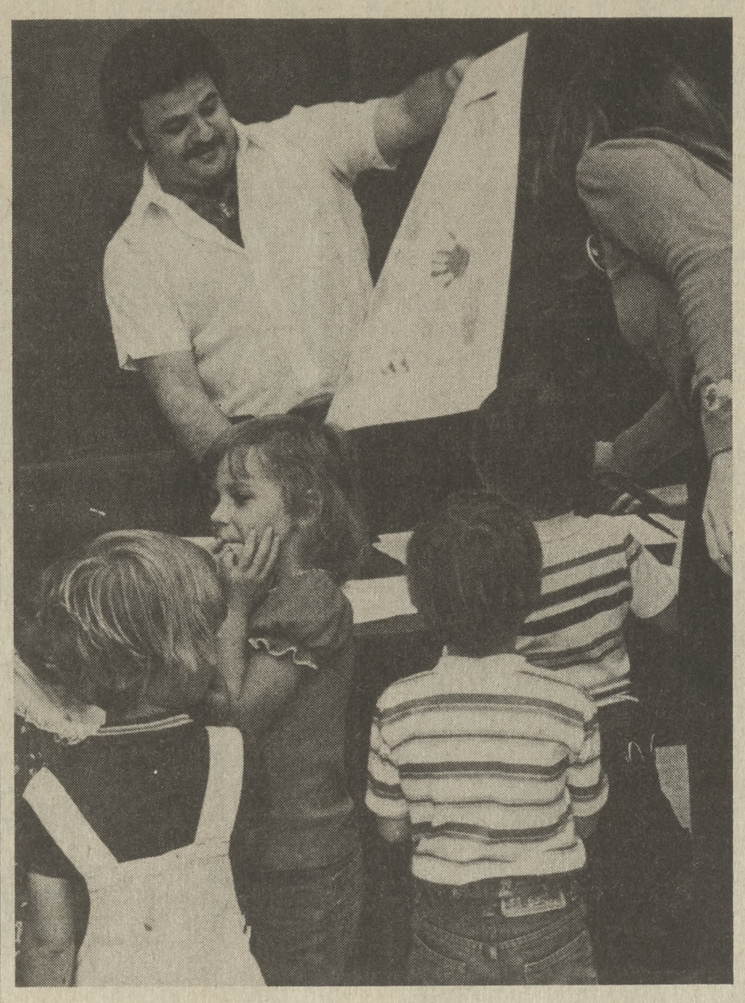
LAVC's nursing program is also being helped by district budget vocational education funds which are in existence to aid school programs with expenses that normally wouldn't be covered by the school budget. These funds have been utilized to pay for a partial tutor for the students, media equipment and other learning tools.

With 23 instructors and 250 students enrolled in the program, Valley's Nursing Department is one of the largest associate in arts degree programs in California.

Most of the students are able, immediately following graduation, to advance into the professional field of nursing. Their starting salaries can be as high as $1,800 a month.

Out of the eight nursing programs in the Los Angeles Community College district, LAVC and Pierce are the only two to have undertaken strict, hard-grading evaluations.

Kids Preview Ghosts, Goblins



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GIVE THE GENTLEMAN A HAND—ASB President Suheel Ghareib receives a hand-painted poster from the children of the Child Care Center as a token of their appreciation for the Halloween party thrown last week. Ghareib won their vote of approval hands down.

Star photo by MIKE BUSSING

TRICK OR TREAT—The child care center on Campus threw a Halloween bash for all children on Wednesday, Oct. 29. Some of the children that enjoyed the festivities are from left Devon Anders, Ryan Hedrick, and Kiona Cooper.

Trick or treaters at the LAVC Child Development Center got a head start this year with an ASB-sponsored Halloween party on Oct. 29.

About 50 children, most of them pre-schoolers, enjoyed apple juice and sugarless treats while participating in apple bobbing, face painting, and pumpkin decorating.

Teachers and student assistants wore costumes for the occasion, and the children's families were encouraged to attend.

Steve Llanusa, ASB Commissioner of Evening Division, planned the event. He termed it a "great success" and said, "The teachers and student assistants really deserve a round of applause for this. It is their enthusiasm that makes these things work."

ASB President Suheel Gharieb stated that approximately $1200 per year is alloted to the center from student body funds.

What's Happening

POOL TOURNAMENT

Dec. 12 is the deadline to sign up for the double pool tournament to be held in the Recreation Room located in the lower level of Campus Center. The match is from Dec. 16 through Dec. 18.

JOB RECRUITING

Realty World America will interview students interested in a career in real estate, appraisals, or brokerage training today from 9 a.m. to noon. Requirements are the student must be 18 years old or older and have a car.

MAY CO. EMPLOYMENT

May Co. representatives will be on campus Nov. 13 to interview students for positions in Christmas sales and as assistant department store managers. Interested students can sign up for interviews in the Placement Office.

BAND CONCERT

A free concert featuring the group "Los Cool Guys" will be presented today at 11 a.m. in the Free Speech Area. The event is sponsored by the ASB.

S/HE CENTER

The S/He Center presents its third session on the "Dual Roles of Women," today from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in H 113.

EXPLORING SOUTH AMERICA BY BUS

The Earth-Science lecture series will present "Exploring South America by Bus" on Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. in MS 109. The show is hosted by William A. Hawkins an Associated Professor of Mathematics. Admission is free.

BBC SERIES

Students are cordially invited to "Sweat of the Sun," second of a five-part series by BBC series of "The Tribal Eye." Showing will start at 11 a.m. Today, in Room A 103.

THEATRE ARTS

The final showing of "The American Dream" by Edward Albee will be today at the Shoebox Lab Theatre, at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Admission is free.

FILM SERIES

LAVC Cultural Programs will present the travelogue "Russia — Summer and Winter," with lecturer Dick Reddy on Sunday, Nov. 16, in Monarch Hall, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission for general public is $4, for students and staff $2. Gold Card holders will be admitted free.

Grade Inflation on Decline

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that grades are the equivalent to a salary, and relate to the rate of career advancement."

Carleo believes that, if accurately evaluated, a grade is not a punitive measure at the college level. "I have observed," said Carleo," that in a no credit class, students do not turn out what they truly are capable of achieving. Grading does definitely motivate."

"Under the new system a student must have a "C" average for an occupational certificate," Carleo said. "D" now passes, but it's not a satisfactory grade." We have until July 1981 to strictly adhere to and fully implement the new grading code program."

Valley students have varied feelings on the grading issue, and sophomore Taffy Ann Fosom said, "I can see merits of the deflating grades. The grade is important in helping you get to a better place in life. I believe that it is a punitive measure, because many kids freeze at test time, knowing they might fail."

"Too much emphasis is placed on grades. I did not find the transition to CSUN difficult," a former Valley Student Danny Berkowitz said. "In fact, I had much finer caliber and more difficult instructors at Valley than some I have encountered at CSUN."

"Grades are not a form of motivation. The motivating force is interest itself in a subject," he said. "A student seriously preparing to be a doctor is, in his dedication and wholeheartedly devoted energy, focused toward a deeper approach to studying. He therefore makes much higher grades, not necessarily from grade motivation, but motivated by self interest and zeal."

Some instructors wish they could do away with the entire grading concept. On that side of the spectrum, Prof. of Psychology Steve Saltzman asks, "Are grades really a measure of learning? If indeed they are, is it possible that this grade inflation indicates that students are learning more or that instructors are teaching better today?"

Saltzman said, "To measure learning with grades in our day, when intelligence is influenced by television, magazines, newspapers and a multitude of books, is a contradiction."

He feels grades are goals which may interfere with the experience of learning. "It's not the goal that is important," said Saltzman, "it's the experience. It's my theory that inflation grew out of the individual teacher's realization that competitive grading had become destructive to the desire to learn. We create failure by design in our structure, we teach to the masses, then take for granted that those masses are the average," he said. "I wonder," Saltzman concluded, "how teachers would feel if students were grading them competitively, one against all others?"

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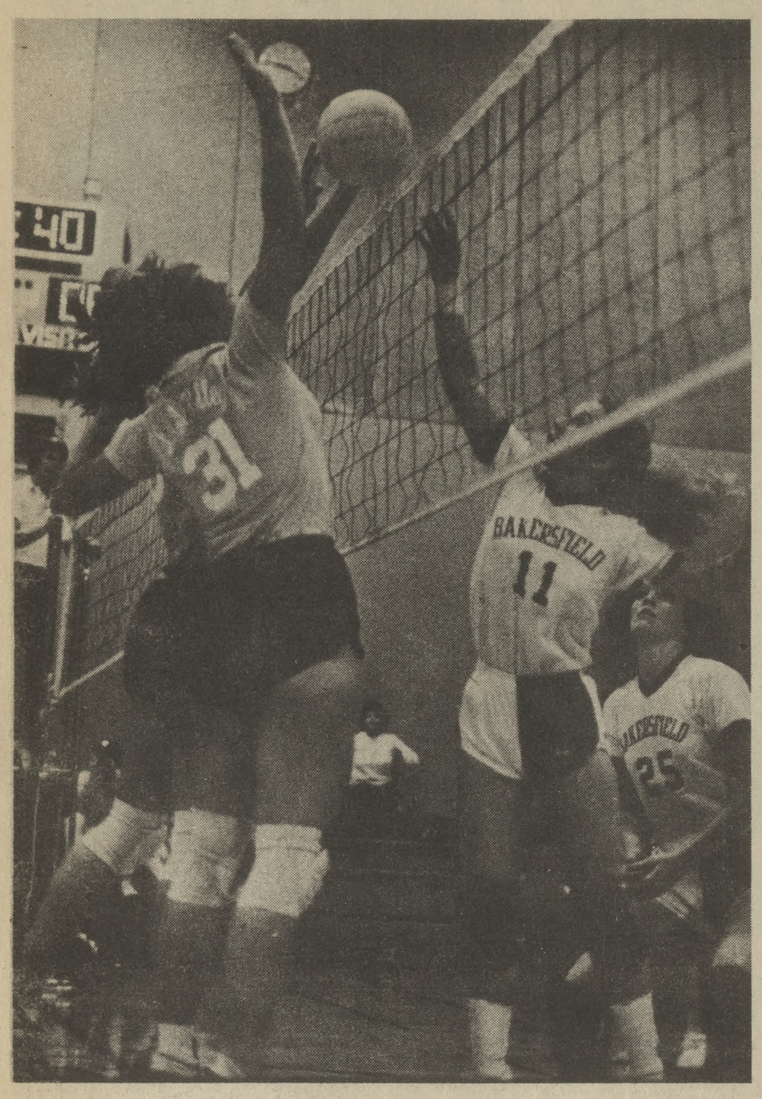

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DEE-FENSE — Valley's Gina Williams goes up to block a hit by a Bakersfield player in last Tuesday's game. The Monarchs beat both Bakersfield and Pierce last week.

Monarch Achieves Success; Pro Football Career Possible

By SHELLY SMILOVE
Assoc. Sports Editor

Father, student, and leading defensive back, Anthony Lynn Kelley has a promising future due to the extreme determination and talent that he possesses.

Kelley is 22 and still stands a very good chance to play pro ball. He leads the Metro conference in interceptions (5) and is a good candidate for All-American.

There are other sports besides football that interested Kelly in the past. While attending Simi High, he broke all previous records for wrestling and ran almost all track events that the school had to offer. He also led his league in interceptions coming up with 9. As a youngster he played on a Pop Warner team, a good stepping stone for young hopefuls.

"My chances in ball are good if I continue to improve. I'm determined and won't stop trying until I do play pro ball, hopefully for Dallas," said Kelley.

Kelley finds that life can be difficult only because he has so many things to do and so little time to do them in.

A former General Motors inspector, he receives unemployment pay from the company, which helps to pay rent in the apartment where he, his wife, and one-year-old son 'Anthony Jr.' live.

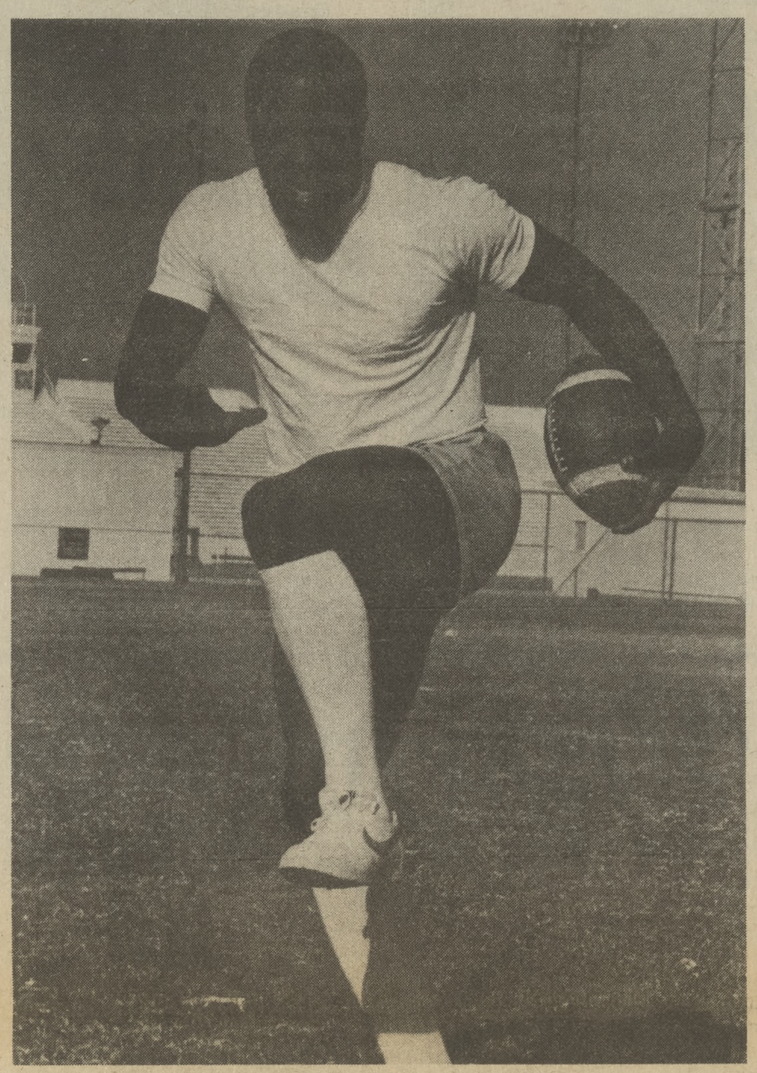
"Life does pose some problems for me at times. Practice takes a lot of time and I don't get to see nearly enough of my son or wife," stated Kelley.

Though Kelley was born in Birmingham, Alabama, he would like to play college ball for UCLA or Ohio State."Scholarships for me are really on the upside," said Kelley. "The UCLA coach is really interested in me, and with defensive back Kenny Easley leaving this year my chances are even better."

Although Kelley's most proficient position today is defensive back, he has been very versatile in the past. While at Simi, he doubled on the field as a running back.

With the Monarchs' current streak of bad luck this year, individual talent tends to be overlooked. Kelley's inspiration has been good for the team and he hopes that changes for the better will be made soon.

"We really do have a good team but, like all the coaches have said, 'we are young and inexperienced.' Our defense is sound and good and Coach Meyers is a great inspiration to the team. Valley may not be winning but I am determined and have to be successful," said Kelley.



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STAR MONARCH — Valley Defensive Back Tony Kelley leads the Metro Conference with five interceptions. Kelley is hoping for a future in professional football.

Spikers Struggle To Defeat Pierce

By JIM VERNOR
Sports Editor

Valley's women spikers traveled to Pierce last Thursday hoping to sweep their arch-rivals in three games, but instead hung on to win 15-13, 15-8, 12-15, 12-15, 15-3.

The Lady Monarchs, now 12-3 overall and 7-2 in the Metro conference, faced Pasadena Tuesday and travel to Mission today to play the Freespiriters in a 5 p.m. match.

"I was glad we won," said head coach Marla O'Connell. "I can't say anybody played outstanding. The game got awfully close when we started playing their game. We didn't continue to play our game. The main thing is, we've got to concentrate on what we're doing and not their tempo. We have to play our own tempo."

The Monarchs built a 10-3 lead in game one on the service of Helene Wiener, Carolyn Green, and Marian Hoffmann. The Brahmas made it close by cutting the gap to 14-13, but Valley won it following a sideout by Green and a spike by Laura Horton.

Valley controlled the second game by taking an 11-2 lead following a serve by Green. Pierce shortened the lead to 14-8, but Valley scored the final point on a serve by Allana Wark.

The third game was a seesaw battle, with the score tied four times in the late going. The Monarchs took a 12-11 lead on a spike by Horton, but after a sideout Pierce notched the last four points, and won it as a spike by Wark was long.

Pierce dominated the early part of the fourth game, taking a 9-0 advantage and Valley called time-out. The Monarchs regrouped and came to within one point at 13-12, but the Brahmas went on to win it. Valley had no trouble with Pierce in the crucial fifth game. The Monarchs held a 4-1 lead, and when Pierce cut the margin to 5-3, Valley went on to score 10 straight points to win the game and the match.

Last Tuesday, the Monarchs swept by Bakersfield 15-8, 15-6, 15-6.

NHL QUIZ

1. Which team has won the most Stanley Cups?
2. Which player had the longest career?
3. Which team lost the most games in a season?
4. Who holds the record for most goals in a career?
5. Who holds the record for most goals in a season?
6. Who holds the record for most assists in a season?
7. Which team won the most games in a season?

(Answers Below)

1. Montreal Canadians, 22
2. Gordie Howe, 25 years
3. Washington Capitols, 67, 1974-75
4. Gordie Howe, 786
5. Reggie Leach, 80
6. Bobby Orr, 102
7. Montreal, 60

Poloists Lose Fifth Straight

By JIM VERNOR
Sports Editor

Pasadena scored first, last, and quite a few times in between to defeat the Monarch water poloists, 18-14, last Friday at Pasadena.

The Monarchs, now 11-9 overall and 0-3 in the league, hosted Santa Monica yesterday and will play at El Camino tomorrow in a 3 p.m. Metro game.

The loss was the fifth straight for Valley. In fact, the last team the Monarchs beat was Pasadena, 13-12, three weeks ago in the Citrus Tourney.

"We lost our composure," said head coach Bill Krauss. "We played sloppy, rambling polo in a small pool. It's too bad, because we beat them twice earlier and we lose to them now. Pasadena played really good, probably better than they are. It was the little things, such as turnovers and poor shots, that hurt us."

Pasadena scored first, with just 10 seconds gone, and added two more goals within 30 seconds to take a 3-0 lead and Valley called time-out. The Lancers managed to hold a 6-4 lead after one quarter despite Monarch goals by Mike Leum, Eric Gow, and Jim Campillo.

Valley came storming back in the second quarter, taking an 8-6 lead on scores by Leum, Campillo, and Carlo Spiga. But following a time-out by Pasadena the Lancers notched three straight goals to take a 9-8 advantage at half time.

The Lancers built a 11-8 lead on a goal by Kevin Reilly with 5:30 remaining in the third quarter. When Valley cut the deficit to 11-10 on goals by Leum and Gow, Reilly scored twice more for a 13-10 Lancer lead.

In the final quarter, Reilly scored again for Pasadena at the five minute mark, and the Monarchs called another time-out, trailing 16-11. Two goals by Mark Domurat of Valley made it 16-13, but two scores by the Lancers, the last coming with only two seconds remaining, determined the outcome.

Reilly led Pasadena with five goals, while Leum had six goals for Valley in a losing cause.

SPORTS MENU

Cross Country	Nov. 7	Valley at Long Beach for Metro Championships	3:30 p.m.
Football	Nov. 8	Valley at El Camino	7:30 p.m.
Women's Volleyball	Nov. 6	Valley at Mission	5 p.m.
	Nov. 11	UCLA JV's at Valley	3:30 p.m.
Water Polo	Nov. 7	Valley at El Camino	3 p.m.

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Jazz Band 'Celebration' To Perform; Group Enjoys Full Potential of Music

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HOT LICKS IN THE JAZZ IDIOM — Musicians Michael O'Neil (right), lead guitarist, and Richard Elliot, saxophonist, are featured when jazz band "Celebration" comes to the campus Nov. 7.

By LUCREZIA C. BISCARDI
Staff Writer

Enjoying music to the fullest potential is what "Celebration" is all about.

A jazz band, "Celebration," is scheduled to perform tomorrow in Monarch Hall.

Michael O'Neil, lead guitarist for the group, started his career at age 12. He enjoys listening to music, and studying its style.

"I have studied with Ted Greene, the 'Guitar Technologist,'" who writes many guitar books today, says O'Neil, who has also played with the Crusaders, one of the biggest groups in Europe.

"Ronnie Laws, a jazz saxophonist, and his brother, Hubert, were a blessing to work with," O'Neil added. "This family is a special group of musicians, and I thank them for showing me certain techniques in musicianship.

O'Neil enjoys writing his own music for the band. "My music is more to me than just a job. My days are all around music, and I enjoy every minute of it."

Richard Elliot, the saxophonist, began playing music when he was 13. "I never took it seriously until high school when I studied with a professor named John Magruder, who played with Stan Kenton and Don Ellis," Elliot said.

Elliot also trained with Charlie Shunake, who has emphasized the true meaning of jazz.

"I love jazz. My music is a vehicle I use to escape everyday tensions," says Elliot.

Eliot's advice to aspiring musicians studying at Valley College is that it is a very tough and competitive business.

Elliot has his own style of playing the saxophone: "Just playing it seems fine, but I strive for having a sense of feeling for what I play," he said.

Other members of the band include: Barnaby Finch, keyboards; Bubba Bryant, drums; Leon Johnson, bass; and Tata Vega, vocalist. All are members of the Ronnie Laws band. Tomorrow's performance at Valley will mark their first appearance together.

The culture program of Community Services at Valley is sponsoring the Concert.

Estuardo Rojas, a music major, who works with the program says "Celebration" is going to be "a professional show."

"It is great to be having such good musicians playing on campus. Students can have a chance to experience how professionals really perform. We are arranging for Michael Winslow, from "Cheech and Chongs Next Movie" to be the opening comedian for the show.

"An appreciation for music is what this band has," added Rojas.

The Jazz Band concert is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. General admission is $4.75, $2.50 for students, and senior adults are free.

Fine Arts Callboard

LAVC CHOIRS

On Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall the LAVC Music Department Concert Series presents the LAVC Choirs. Admission is free. For additional information call 781-1200 ext. 346.

"THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES"

On Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. afternoon lecture and 7 p.m. in Monarch Hall the English Department presents the film "The Best Years of Our Lives." Admission is free.

JAZZ CONCERT

On Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall the Cultural Programs present a Jazz Concert featuring "Celebration." Guest artist is Michael Winston, comedian. Admission $4.75, students and faculty $2.50, Gold Card holders free.

A STORY OF A JEWISH COUNTRY

On Thursday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. in the Humanities Building, room 101, the Students Concerned for Israel present the film "A Story of the Jewish Country." A discussion follows the film. Admission is free.

"MIGRATION TO THE STARS"

On Friday, Nov. 7, at 7:15 p.m. in the Planetarium, Stephen Fentress will present a one hour lecture "Migration to the Stars," concerning the cosmos. Admission adults, $1, children 75c, Gold Card holders, free. For additional information call 988-3911.

Voyage From Present to Past Brings Romance Back to Films

By RUTH LEW
Staff Writer

"Somewhere In Time" is a film that may bring pure romanticism back into the movie industry. Based on the novel "Bid Time Return," by Richard Matheson, this romantic tale has an unusual twist that can take any romantic straight into the heavens.

The story revolves around a young playwright named Richard Collier (portrayed by Christopher Reeves), who leaves Chicago in search of something he feels is missing. On his way, he stops at an enchanting old hotel, where he finds a portrait of a beautiful young turn-of-the-century actress that mesmerizes him. He feels there is some force that draws him to her. He becomes so obsessed by her photograph that he hypnotizes himself back to the year 1912 to be with her.

Christopher Reeves does a good job in this his second movie. Unknown before his high flying Superman success, he may have a greater success on his hands in "Somewhere In Time."

The actress, Elise McKenna, as played by Jane Seymour, captivates not only her 1912 audience but Richard Collier as well. The movie viewer is also caught up in her mystical aura.

Seymour has appeared in television movies such as "Seventh Avenue," the movie length version of "Battlestar Glactica," and "Young Winston" as Winston Churchill's first love. She also played in a television mini-series "Captain and Kings" for which she was an Emmy nominee.

Supporting actor Christopher Plummer portrays W.F. Robinson, McKenna's enigmatic and overly protective manager. Neither his antagonism to Collier nor his tight hold over McKenna can keep the lovers apart.

In view of the rising costs of attending movies and the low quality of recent releases, "Somewhere In Time" is well worth the price.

BEAUTY TO TRANSCEND THE AGES — Lovely, turn of the century actress Elise McKenna, played by Jane Seymour, entices her true love away from another era in the movie "Somewhere in Time." Co-starring Christopher Reeves, the film portrays the romantic tale of new found love that is doomed from the start.

Film Classic Shown; Writer's Wife Attends

By RANDY POSTEN
Staff Writer

It was a double feature of sorts.

The hundred people gathered in Monarch Hall last Thursday night saw the 1940 film classic, "Grapes of Wrath," based on the book by John Steinbeck.

An added attraction was the presence of Dorris Bowdon Johnson, widow of Nunnally Johnson, the screenwriter for the Academy Award-winning picture.

Bowdon Johnson portrayed the character Rose of Sharon in the film, which won both its director, John Ford, and leading lady, Jane Darwell, Oscars. Bowdon Johnson told the audience that she had been married to Nunnally Johnson for 35 years.

"Knopf publishers will bring out a selection of my husband's letters." said Bowdon Johnson. "The book will be a social history of the movie colony, spanning my husband's 30 years as a Hollywood writer, producer, and director."

Nunnally Johnson died in 1977.

"I hope this will be the unexpergated version of the film." Bowdon Johnson said. "So much is cut out to fit the TV time slots."

Monarch Hall blackened.

On stage, the projector lit the screen.

For two hours, the story of the Joads was told—a sharecropper family that was uprooted along with the top soil of the "Dust Bowl." The Joads struggled against landowners and lawmen. Their journey to California, where they hoped to lead a decent life.

One of the most memorable scenes had not been cut out of the film for the sale of advertisement space. In a migrant camp, Bowdon Johnson lay weeping on a cot. Rose of Sharon's husband had just deserted his pregnant wife.

"It feels like I've jest 'bout died inside," Rose of Sharon said.

The film ended. Monarch Hall remained dark. An uneasy silence was there. For, in a movie theater in 1980, it is unsophisticated, almost passe, to applaud a celluloid story. But the audience wanted to show their appreciation to the actress who played Rose of Sharon and to the widow of the film's screenwriter.

Cautiously, the clapping began. It grew into bold applause.

Human Cold Cuts Served, Specialty of Motel Hell

By BRIAN DURKIN
Staff Writer

Farmer Vincent makes the most mouth-watering beef jerky, sausage, and cold cuts. What's his secret? Why it's that standard, grade "Z" movie premise, cannibalism!

The good Farmer catches unsuspecting visitors to his motel and turns them into his county's best selling vittles.

This all happens at "Motel Hell," a movie whose fault is that it can't decide whether to be comedy or a horror film.

Most things in the movie designed to be funny aren't, and the things played straight are hilarious.

Rory Calhoun plays the demented Farmer Vincent, bringing true conviction to his role, whether he's out cultivating humans in his secret garden or battling with chainsaws, while wearing a pig head.

What's the story? Well it seems that the Farmer and his fat, disgusting sister Ida (Nancy Parsons) are in on the special ingredient that makes the lip smackin' meats so good, but nobody else is, especially not the people who eat the stuff.

Vincent and Ida have a younger brother, a police officer, who doesn't know the recipe at first, but catches on when he finds fingers and toes lying around the slaughterhouse.

The film was directed by Kevin Connor who is credited (or discredited) with "The Land That Time Forgot." His directing is odd-ball to say the least. But the film's failures are not all his. Let's give credit where credit is due. Who cast Wolfman Jack as a preacher?

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By RANDY POSTEN
Staff Writer

Located at the end of a corridor in the Administration Building, the Reprographics Department is the in-plant printing shop for Valley College.

"Each month we produce an average of 450,000 pieces of material," said Natalie Kreisberg, supervisor of the department. "We take pride in meeting deadlines."

Reprographics prints classroom assignments, mid-terms, and finals for Valley instructors. Also printed there are the biology lab manuals and music syllabuses which are sold at the campus bookstore.

"Many of the professors want us to clean up their original copies," said Kreisberg. "I've received letters complimenting us on the quality and promptness of our finished work."

The civil service clerks and press operators responsible for that final product are Rosemary Johnson, Douglas Fowler, Ed Rambo, Helen Pachorek, Alan Paulsen, and Rome Concepcion.

"We have two offset presses," said Kreisberg. "The TC 2 is a total copying system. The TCS 1250 is electronically automated. It does color printing, and has a camera for reducing and enlarging."

In the Reprographics Department are machines which cut, fill, collate, staple, stitch, and bind.

"I have to anticipate machine breakdown," Kreisberg said. "Fortunately, our repair service is good."

When illness affects personnel, production can be slowed. Kreisberg is used to "juggling bodies" to meet due dates.

"Our busiest time is the transition from summer to the fall semester," Kreisberg said. "A problem is posed when recently-hired instructors want their materials printed immediately."

Although Reprographics is not a large enough facility for additional equipment, Kreisberg would like to replace the TCS 1250 with the next larger size.

"A bigger machine would increase our capabilities," she said. "Instead of sending public relations orders off campus, we could do the printing ourselves."

Valley's Reprographic Department began 15 years ago, after the Los Angeles Community College District had been formed. Previously, Valley's printing had been done at the district print shop in downtown Los Angeles.

"For eight years now I've been the Reprographics supervisor," said Kreisberg. "I remember when this department had only ditto, mimeograph, and duplicating equipment."

Before coming to Reprographics, Kreisberg spent five years as an admissions and guidance supervisor.

"I did not have any background in printing," said Kreisberg, "but I learned."

Clubs

SENIOR STUDENTS CLUB

Jack I. Rosen, attorney, will lecture on "Legally Speaking," today at 2 p.m. in C 100. The program is being presented by the Senior Students Club. Contact William Carter at Ext. 399 or at the Senior Adult Program in B 49 for further information.

HILLEL

Don Freelander, director of counselling at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will present a special information meeting to all interested students tomorrow at noon at Hillel House. For more information call 994-7443.

FREE FILM SHOWING

Jewish Studies and Hillel will present the films "The Greenberg Family" and "Joyce at 34," Nov. 12, at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

NAACP CLUB

Willie Bellamy, president of NAACP, campus chapter, invites all students to attend its meetings held every Thursday between 11 a.m. and noon in FL 113. Membership cards from last semester may be picked up at CC 102 E from Bellamy.

ISRAEL SURVIVORS CLUB

The Israel Survivors Club will sponsor Max Kessler, Jewish activist, who will speak on "The Peace Movement and Water Resources in Israel" on Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. in P 100.

HOCKEY CLUB

All hockey players interested in trying out for the LAVC Hockey Club can contact Dave Norton in CC 102 or at Ext. 361.

GAY STUDENTS COALITION

Gay Students Coalition meets tonight from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in CC 201.

Association Acknowledges Chairperson

By MARTHA HUTCHINS
Staff Writer

Dr. William Harris, Chemistry Department chairperson, has been elected to membership in the Los Angeles Patent Law Association and the Patent, Trademark and Copyright Section of the State Bar of California.

His membership allows him to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Patent Agent, Harris said. "I am not an attorney. I only write patents in my field of technical expertise," he explained.

He pointed out that law schools do not generally have courses leading to the Patent and Trademark test. The prospective agent must study on his own, work in an established office, and take six Saturday prepcourse classes to become familiar with the writing of patents.

"No law degree is necessary to become an agent. Some law students with a degree in engineering, chemistry, or physics become attorneys in the patent field," he said.

Patent agents are not allowed to advertise. They can place their names in the yellow section of the telephone book, or get verbal advertising from their friends and acquaintances. They are permitted to advertise to the profession through their law magazines, but never to the public.

Chemical patents would be required in catalytic converters on cars, smog devices, and plastics. Methods of producing DMA is another area requiring chemical patents.

Harris said, "I got my bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering and my Ph.D. in chemistry. Working in the area of natural products, chemistry, and isolating products from plants, has been my specialty. I worked for the FDA in the field of pharmaceutical chemistry.

"I can be selective in the patent field, because I make my living teaching," concluded Harris.

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